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The Peasant's ... Gratitude

T was New Year's day when a little boy of some 10 years of age, accompanied by an old servant man, was walking from Plenhoec to Dolmen, near Dinan. The child was laughing and talking all the way, and he walked at such a rate that the poor old servitor could scarcely keep up with him.

It was the young Viscount Herve de Plenhoec, and he was on his way to the chateau of the Marquise du Dolmen to wish her a happy New Year. He was a handsome lad, upright and straight as a dart, and his large, dark eyes had an honest, frank look in them that won all hearts.

Presently they came within sight of the old manor house, with its tower and turrets, and the little viscount bounded on in his hurry to arrive. Very unceremoniously he rushed through the hall into the long, tapestry hung drawroom, which, with its huge, old fashioned furniture and high ceiling, looked like a corner of cathedral. A stately looking old lady was seated, and indeed was almost buried in an immense armchair, while in the wide fireplace a cheerful log fire was crackling.

"Why, Herve, you must have risen early this morning to get here at this time," exclaimed the marquise, looking admiringly at the handsome boy had rushed in like a whirlwind.

"Oh, grannie, and I had learned such a piece of poetry to say to you, but I am afraid I have forgotten every word of it, I was in such a hurry to get here," said Herve ruefully.

"Never mind, we'll have it another time," said the indulgent old lady. "You shall see first how you like your presents."

On a table near were the said presents, some story books, some games and—a gun, a real gun! Herve was nearly beside himself with joy. For two long years he had wished for a gun, but his parents had always been afraid of an accident and had refused to get him one. His large eyes lighted up with pride and delight as he handled his precious treasure, and, oh, how he wished there were some enemy now before him that he could try his aim at once!

Herve belonged to a family in which all the men had been soldiers, and most of his ancestors had met their death on the battlefield. His grandfather had been killed in the Crimean war during the siege of Sevastopol, and Herve had always delighted in hearing tales of wars.

On his way home again that afternoon Herve kept admiring his precious gun. The old servitor was carrying all the other presents, but the boy could not trust his treasure to any other hands, and he kept pulling the trigger and delighting in the click it made as loosed it.

They had gone along some distance when Herve became aware that a little boy was following them, and as he kept quite near all the time the little viscount turned round at last and looked at him. He was a boy of about his own age, but very poorly clad, and the thin, sunken cheeks and pale face told of hunger and suffering, while the dark eyes looked so wistfully at him that Herve said kindly:

"What is it you want, little boy?"

"Nothing. I was only looking at the gun," replied the little lad, abashed.

"What's your name?" asked Herve.

"Tanneguy," replied the other child. "I live near to your house, and I often watch you riding on your pony." And then, emboldened by Herve's kindly manner, the poor little fellow ventured to put one finger on the shining trigger of the marvelous treasure.

"It's one of my presents," said Herve. "Isn't it a fine one? Have you had any presents?" he asked.

The poor little fellow laughed bitterly.

"There's nobody to give me anything. My parents are dead."

Herve looked at all the parcels the old servant man was carrying, and he said eagerly:

"Choose one of my presents little boy."

The lad glanced at all the parcels indifferently, and then his eyes went back to the one treasure, the coveted gun, and he shook his head.

"No. Books and games wouldn't be much use to me. Can I look at the gun? Can I hold it a minute?"

Herve handed it to him, and they all three walked along a little way together, Tanneguy pressing the trigger and listening with delight to the click, as Herve had done. The little viscount looked very thoughtful, and then he said:

"And you haven't got a mother or any one, and you haven't had one present?"

"No," replied the other sorrowfully, his eyes stilled fixed on the weapon he was holding so carefully.

Herve was silent again for a minute. He was having an inward struggle with himself. At length he said impetuously, as though afraid of changing himself to hesitate:

"Little boy, you can have it, because you have not had any one,"

Tanneguy gazed at him, speechless with astonishment and joy. His pale cheeks flushed and the tears came into his eyes, but he could not find any words with which to thank the little viscount.

Time passed away, and Herve went away to college, but in the holidays he always saw Tanneguy, who was employed on a farm on the Plenhoec estate.

"I have always kept the gun," said Tanneguy one day to the young viscount. "It was the one happiness of my childhood, and I shall never part with it. If ever the day should come when you should have need of one, you can count on me," and the young Breton's voice vibrated with earnestness, so that Herve knew that these were no vain words.

At the age of 18 the young viscount entered the military school of St. Cyr, determined as he was to embrance the career of his ancestors. Two years later the terrible war of 1870 broke out, and Herve, with some of his comrades of St. Cyr, was appointed officer in a regiment.

No sooner did Tanneguy hear of this than he hastened to engage himself in the same regiment, and this poor young peasant, ignorant and uneducated as he was, proved himself a veritable hero. Their regiment belonged to the Army of the North, commanded by Faidherbe, and after every combat the two friends sought each other anxiously.

In spite of his heroic efforts, Faidherbe was not able to prevent the advance of the enemy. On the 23d of December, 1870, at the battle of Pont-Noyelles, Tanneguy distinguished himself by his bravery and was promoted on the battlefield, and Herve at the same time was appointed captain. On New Year's day, 1871, they were in camp near Arras and nearly worn out with fatigue and privations.

"Captain," said Tanneguy, "this time ten years ago was the day when you gave me the little gun. Do you remember?"

"Yes," said Herve, smiling as he remembered his own childish delight on receiving the little weapon.

"You gave me the only pleasure I ever had in my life," said Tanneguy.

Three days latter the battle of Bapaume took place, and when it was growing dusk and the combat was nearly over Tanneguy looked round in search of the Captain de Plenhoec, knowing that he was sure to be found in the thickest of the fight. Tanneguy suddenly to rise from under his horse, which had just been shot dead. A Prussian was advancing toward Herve with his bayonet pointed at the young captain. He was just preparing to kill his victim, intoxicated as he was with the smoke and the blood all round him. Herve had only just risen to his feet when he saw the Prussian's weapon pointed at him, and he felt sure that his last moment had come.

Suddenly a man bounded between him and his enemy, and with a sword thrust laid the Prussian dead before him. It was Tanneguy, who, on seeing Herve's peril, had rushed to the rescue, bounding over every obstacle, trampling underfoot the dead and dying and only just arriving in time to avert the danger.

Tanneguy stooped down, and, snatching from the dead soldier his gun, presented it to Herve, who was disarmed.

"Captain, you once gave me a gun. Let me pay my debt to you with this one"—

Before he had finished speaking and while holding the weapon out to Herve poor Tanneguy staggered back and fell. A ball had just struck him and pierced his heart. Herve grasped the firearm, all covered with blood as it was, and, as though in a dream, a vision of the past rose before him, and he saw the wide road in Brittany where he had given his little gun to a peasant lad.—From the French of J. Morand.

New Year's in Russia.

New Year's customs in Russia are interesting. In the morning the princes of the imperial family, personage of the court, functionaries of the capital, and servants of the palace come in regular order, to present their homage and good wishes to the emperor, who kisses all the members of his family and all the high officials three times, according to the Russian fashion.

On Easter Sunday the emperor is obliged by custom to kiss in the same manner every individual he meets, even the lowest of his subjects, the most miserable of beggars. This kiss is intended to call the Russians' attention to the fact that they are all brothers in the Orthodox religion.

But on New Year's day the emperor gives his fraternal kiss, as we have said, to his family and high functionaries, in his service only, and the people in the streets kiss each other, whether they are acquainted with each other or not. The favored ones who have been kissed by the czar are permitted to kiss the hand of the empress. The ceremony of hand kissing was suppressed for a time, but it was re-established a few years ago under the reign of Alexander III.

The festivities commence on the 21st of December, and are ended on the 6th of January. During these two weeks the young people gather together to play games and to dance. On New Year's [illegible] breakfast, dinner and [illegible] standing around [illegible] glasses, drink the [illegible] emperor and offer good [illegible] to each other.

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Our Woman's .....Column

DOING OUR DUTY.

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A man and a women went forth into the world, and both were of noble birth. And the man's arms were strong and held his spirit.

"I know my work," said the man, "I will do my duty. Whatever is required of me, in right, that will I do. According to my strength will I labor."

And he made highways in the world, because it was his duty, and walked therein, and called to others to follow after him. And they came rejoicing in the path, but they lost sight of the pathfinder.

And he succored the weak, because it was his duty, and lifted them up and set them upon their feet, and they went forward and found the way pleasant.

All that the law required, that did he, and the world was better and happier because he lived.

When he died, as all men die his fellows said:

"He was a just man, and law-abiding. We respect his memory, and will tell it to our children."

But before the grass had grown green above his grave, his memory had grown dim and the way he had made was weed grown, and men disputed much concerning it.

The woman who went forth into the world with him was frail. And she said: "What can I do? Surely there must be a way through this wilderness, but who am I that it should be revealed to me!"

The law was not shown to her, or if it was, she understood it not. But her heart was moved within her, and when she found the weak suffering—even as she suffered—she bound up their wounds and anointed them, and kissed them upon the forehead. And she smiled on all she met, and whispered in hope, "There is a way," so that many who despaired and lay down to die, arose and went forward. And her smile showed them the way, that she herself knew not she saw.

But all the while she went forward and took many with her.

When the years had gone by, the woman too, died, and was laid beside the man. And all the people said:

"She told us there was a way, and went with us in it."

And the people wept, and without knowing what they did, told their children over and over again, for generations and generations, what the woman had said, and followed the way her smile had shown them.

And the womans name was Love.—womankind.

HOW THE JAPS PROPOSE.

A remarkable custom in connection with window-gardening exists in some districts of Japan. In houses wherein reside one or more daughters of a marriageable age, an empty flower-pot, of an ornamental character, is encircled by a ring, and suspended from the window or veranda by three light chains.

The Juliets of Japan are, of course, as attractive to the Romeos as those of other lands. But instead of serenades by moonlight, and other delicate ways of making an impression, it is etiquette for the Japanese lover to approach the dwelling of his lady bearing some choice plant in his hand, which he boldly, but, let us hope reverently, proceeds to plant in the empty vase This takes place at a time when he is fully assured that both mother and daughter are at home, neither of whom, of course, is at all conscious that the young man is taking such a liberty with the flower-pot outside their window. This act of placing a pretty plant in the empty flower-pot is equivlent to a formal proposal to the young lady who dwells within.

The youthful gardener, having settled his plant to his mind, retires, and the lady is free to act as she pleases. If he is the right man, she takes every care of his gift, waters it, and tends it carefully with her own hands, that all the world may see the donor is accepted as a suitor. But if he is not a favorite or if stern parents object, the poor plant is torn from the vase, and the next morning lies limp and withered on the veranda or on the path below.

THE ETIQUETTE OF THE BOW.

In America the lady always bows to the gentleman, thus indicating that it is her wish to recognice him; in other countries, France, for instance, the gentleman bows first, it being considered a deeper mark of respect.

According to the general code of etiquette, any one who has been introduced to you, or any one to whom you have been introduced, is entitled to a bow, which should be accorded promptly, as soon as the eyes meet, whether on the street or in a room. If you know persons slightly, the recognition is slight; if friends are met the bow is more or less cordial, according to the degree of intimacy; the salutations of tradespeople and servants are always returned Always give a straight honest glance into the eyes of the person you wish to greet.

THE WORD JANUARY.

"'Tis he! The two fac'd Janus comes in view!"

According to mythology, Janus was the god of gates and avenues and in that character held a key in his right hand and a rod in his left to symbolize his opening and ruling the year; sometimes he bore the number 300 in one hand and 55 in the other, the number of its days in the ancient lunar years. At other times he was represented by four heads and placed in a temple of four equal sides with a door and three windows in each side, as emblems of the four seasons and the 12 months over which he presided.

Verstegan states that the Saxons called this period wolf monat, or wolf month, because the wolves of ancient forests, impelled by hunger during the season, were wont to prowl about human habitations and attack man himself, the inferior animals on whom they usually preyed having retired or perished from the inclemency of the weather. It is an established fact that expanded civilization has moderated the rigors of winter.

The Saxons, in a more poetical sense called it Guili Aftera or Aefter Yula, signifying "after Christmas." In illuminated calendars prefixed to missals or service books January was frequently depicted as a man with fagots or a woodman's ax, shivering and blowing breath ugon his fingers. Spenser, in his "Faerie Queene," thus describes the popular illustration:

Then came old January, wrapped well
In many weeds to keep the cold away,
Yet did he quake and quiver, like to quell,
And blow his nayles to warm them, if he may,
For they were numb'd with holding all the day
An hatchet keene with which he fell'd wood
And from the trees did lop the needless spray.

The gentle, loving Charles Lamb in quiet differention thus begins one excellent paper: "Every man hath two birthdays; two days, at least, in every year which set him upon revolving the lapse of time as it affects his mortal duration. The one is that which, in an especial manner, he termeth his. In the gradual desuetude of old observances, this of solemnizing our proper birteday hath nearly passed away or is left to children who reflect nothing at all about the matter nor understand anything beyond the cake and orange. But the birth of a new year is of an interest too wide to be permitted by king or cobbler. No one ever regarded the 1st of January with indifference. It is that from which all date their time and count upon what is left. It is the nativity of our common Adam."

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Washington ... Letter

RESIDENT McKinley believes that the existing critical condition of affairs in the far east, owing to the grabbing of Chinese territory by Germany and the contemplated grabbing by other European nations, makes it imperative that the annexation of Hawaii should be speedily consumated, and he has lost no opportunity since Congress adjourned for the recess to impress his view of the matter upon such Senators as have called on him. He may send a special message to the Senate, urging immediate disposition of the annexation treaty, but that has not yet been definitely determined upon, and will probably depend upon whether the Senate shows a disposition to speedily bring the treaty to a vote or merely starts in to kill time in a windy discussion of the subject. The President shares the belief of Senator Davis, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, that sufficient votes to ratify the treaty can be obtained in the Senate.

Hon. H. Clay Evans, Commissioner of Pensions, says on a much discussed subject: "The cry of pension frauds has become so common of late that the people do not regard it seriously. It was for the purpose of proving the fallacy of this charge that I recommended to Congress, and will urge in a bill after the holidays, the publication of a complete list showing each pensioner, his address, disability and amount of pension received, which would do more to stop this idle chatter than anything this department can say. The possibilities or disabilities are great, and everyone knows a man apparently in the best of health, attending to his daily duties, may have a disability which entitles him to a pension. This is hard for some people to see. Perhaps, if they had an X-ray apparatus with them, there would be no difficulty. This list would show what was the matter with such men and why they received pensions. But best of all, it would bring to light the frauds which do exist, and we all know there are some. But I say without fear of contradiction that in no other business enterprise where so large an amount of money is disbursed, are there so few mistakes."

Had Senator Wilson, of the State of Washington, who is one of the most accommodating and obliging men in Congress, known that one of the yellow journals of New York—The yellowest of them all—intended to make him have a personal encounter with a member of the House, in the private office of Attorney General McKenna, he might not have left Washington in advance of the alleged occasion, but as the yellow fellow didn't inform him, he went away from Washington before he was made to engage in that scrap, and has not yet returned.

There was no surprise in Washington at the verdict of the British American Commission, chosen to assess the damages for seizures of British ships in Behring sea by the U. S. The total amount of damages claimed was about $1,506,060, and during the last administration, Secretary Gresham and agents of Great Britain agreed upon the sum of $425,000, and Mr. Cleveland asked Congress to appropriate the money, but Congress refused. Then a Commission to settle the matter was provided for. With the official record of a President and Secretary of State having said that $425,000 ought to be paid, there was no possibility of our representatives on the Commission getting a lesser amount named. The award is $464,000. President McKinley will forward this finding to Congress in order that the money may be appropriated and paid.

Mr. C. D. Stapleton, of Iowa, who spent Christmas in Washington, is proud of the Republican Party of his State, of which he says: "The Republican Party of Iowa is better organized, better managed and has better discipline than in any other state in the Union. The Iowa Republicans number in their ranks, a goodly list of able men, but for years they have with unanimous accord agreed to abide by the leadership of one whom they all revere and admire—Hon. William B. Allison. It is worth while belonging to a party that acts in such a spirit of unionson and displays so much sound sense in politics. The result of good leadership and loyal following in Iowa is seen in the long continued domination of the Republicans. If the Republicans were as sensible and free from internal bickering elsewhere as in Iowa, their ascendency in the nation would be permanent."

Most men who know anything at all about the subject will admit that there is no man who knows Ohio politics better than President McKinley. Knowing this, and that President McKinley has not had a single doubt of the election of Senator Hanna by the Ohio legislature, is why the ridiculous stories of defections among Republican members of the legislature have found no credence in Washington, either among Senator's Hanna's enemies or his friends.

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We stand this morning upon the threshold of another New Year. The desire for change more than disappointment with the old extends a universal welcome to 1898. What of joy or sorrow it may have in store we know not, yet because it is fresh and bright and untried we are the more eager to receive it—or that is the average man and woman, and in a greater degree is it the average youth to whom the days seem to drag when a future pleasure is contemplated. But old friends should not be forgotten.

1897 is numbered with the past. If we but turn back the pages of memory we shall recall the fact that it was as cordially greeted as we greet to-day its successor. How has it-treated us? How have we treated it? The good resolutions for 1897! were they kept? If not, and there is grief and disappointment because of that fact, whose the fault? Certainly not the year. It is with self. Will 1898 prove better? Self must answer— self aided by a higher power if that power is sought.

Perhaps the old year has left disappointments and heartaches and bereavements. It must needs be that they come. The frailty of humanity must expect them. But they brought love and sympathy and self-knowledge. They are preparatory to other and more personal changes which sooner or later come to all. "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not." Resolve to-day that when the period of dissolution shall come it shall not be said "he dieth as the fool". There is no reason for it, none in the world, but the birth of a New Year is not the special occasion for funeral thoughts except that for every birth we all know there is a corresponding death, and how happy the thought! for every sorrow there may be a joy.

The business man six months ago would have been glad to have said farewell to '97. The latter half, however, has been especially kind to him, to all professions and trades and callings. Let due and thankful credit be given. Nay more, at the very beginning of 1898 let every debtor resolve that so far as he can he will discharge his obligations perhaps overdue that the New Year may be a brighter continuance of the latter half of the last. From a commercial point of view no higher resolve, if carried out, can be made. Let it be done.

And what of '98? It will be what it is made. Individual acts make up the sum of human life. Do not be afraid to resolve to-day to make the New Year the best of all, and then labor to execute that resolve. It is with you—what will you do with it?

May it be the happiest of all the years, the most profitable, the least unsatisfactory is the wish of the TRANSCRIPT.

FRETTING AND FAULT FINDING.

How much of discomfort the fault finder brings to himself, the fretter to herself, both of them to others. These are serious faults and are not confined to one sex. They are the little pebbles in the shoes, making the traveler in life's journey to limp and halt. The TRANSCRIPT has a remedy which if taken according to directions will cure the worst case. Here it is:

"I hereby pledge my best efforts that for (say a day, a week, or a month) I will not find fault with any thing but rather strive to comment pleasantly and further if I fail in keeping this pledge I will renew it even seventy times seven until I have conquered.

Signed....."

In the place of "fault finding" let those given to "fretting" substitute that word, or if necessary take the two doses together. The medicine may have a disagreeable and unnatura taste at first but by use it will become sweet and palatable. Try it. Make society, home, yourself happier by a worthy New Year pledge. Report the results of your efforts to the TRANSCRIPT. They shall be confidential.

MORE OF CIVIL SERVICE.

"The "Every Evening" dismisses the point of life tenure of government office through Civil Service and the inefficiency of old age, made by the TRANSCRIPT last week, briefly as follows:

"We do not believe this incident was the result of Civil Service. It seems more like a result of the old spoils system, which put thousands of incompetents into office merely as the reward of political services. The Civil Service aims to guard against the employment of such useless officials."

Why was not this incident the result of Civil Service? This "incident" was of a woman whose appointment dated back beyond the Civil Service and presumably beyond the spoils system. She was protected at the time by the rules of Civil Service and those rules protect to-day thousands of inefficient employes. They are useless as public servants except to draw their pay and are retained in power only because of Civil Service protection. How then can the "Every Evening" change the incident to political service? Will it answer?

Is the "Every Evening" in favor of an office holding class, life tenure in office? Does it favor for the State, county and city a Civil Service through which offices shall be filled for life after competitive examination upon text books? If not, why not? If Civil Service, as it is, is good in the Federal government why not in the State, &c?

We know from personal experience and from the personal testimony of men who have dealt with employes from Civil Service and from "political service," that in the majority of cases the government employe secured though the latter agency was and is the more efficient, the better official. Why? Because he was and is practical. Examination gave the inexperienced youth, the theory side, but the spoils system, if you choose to so style it, gave the experience. We knew a Civil Service employe who could not, or did not, stamp letters correctly—that is put on the letters the date of receipt with rubber stamp. Why not, since he had passed the Civil Service? Book sense is one thing and common sense is another, the employe in question had the one but evidently not much of the other.

Civil Service was his shield, however. Bah! It is the fraud of the country nor do we say this as a "spoilsman" but from conviction.

MURDER AT SASSAFRAS.

John T. Davis lies dead, and his brother-in-law, Joseph B. Wallace languishes in jail charged with his murder, is the story of an encounter at Sassafras, Md., on Monday night. This is the fourth murder in Cecil county since the first of August and the third within the past two months, the three former cases having been among the colored population.

Wallace when seen in jail shortly after his incarceration, by a "Transcript" reporter, was comparatively calm and made out a clear case of self-defence. He stated in substance, that he had been assisting Mr. J. Frank Ernest in his store at Sassafras during busy seasons, and was in the store at 7.30 o'clock on Tuesday evening when David entered and came back to where he was in the grocery room, and said: "Joe you don't like me." Wallace answered that he did not like his coming to his house and acting in a disorderly manner. This reference was to an occurence of several weeks ago when Wallace claims that David and his brother-in-law, Downes, came to his house drunk late at night and were disorderly a greater portion of the night, or until he was forced to go down and order them away.

This occurrance it is thought by some was the starting of the trouble which ended in the death of David. No trouble of a serious nature seemed brewing and several parties who were present, together with the two principals of the late trouble took several drinks of whiskey in the store. After this the trouble commenced and young Hartley, clerk in the store, ordered the men out and closed the door. They then went into the road in front of the store, and it is claimed by Wallace that no serious trouble would have taken place but for the persistence of Downes in urging David on to fight. David struck and kicked him and then drew a pistol and snapped it in his face three or four times but only one ball exploded and this missed him. Wallace then drew a pocket knife and struck David in the breast and his victim fell mortally wounded. He was arrested by Sam'l Mallalieu at an early hour on Tuesday morning and brought to Chestertown and lodged in jail.

David, the dead man, has a wife living in Cecil county, and a child about a year old. He was a farm laborer and had been separated from his wife about a year, and was addicted to drink. Wallace ran the threshing engine for Mr. Herman Massey during threshing season, and during the canning season operated the engine in the canning factory of Register of Wills C. S. Hurlock. He has a wife and six children, his wife being a sister of the man whom he killed. Wallace bears an excellent reputation among those who know him.

An inquest was held on Tuesday resulting in the following verdict: "One John B. Wallace did feloniously murder the said John David by stabbing him in the left breast with a knife, thereby inflicting a wound of which the said John David then and there instantly died."

Dr. W. H. Jacobs conducted the postmortem examination and found that the wound which produced death had penetrated the heart. There were five other ugly wounds on the body one of which severed the carotid artery.

The pistol was found about two feet from the body and gave evidence of three cartridges having failed to fire when struck by the hammer of the pistol. One barrel was empty.—Chestertown Transcript.

MY MARYLAND.

One lone Christmas shad weighing seven pounds was caught at Rock Hall.

The condition of William Carey, the "old Kriss" who was burned at a Sunday school entertainment at Smithville, Md., Christmas eve, is extremely critical. He is nor expected to recover. Mrs. Sophia Breeding's recovery is considered extremely doubtful.

Members of the Maryland legislature which commences this month are distributed as follows in the several walks of life: Thirty merchants, 26 farmers, 5 physicians, 4 packers, 6 mechanics 2 planters, 1 banker, 1 florist, 7 clerks, 23 lawyers, 1 teacher, 1 capitalist, 1 shipbuilder, 1 sea captain, 1 bookkeeper, 2 journalists, 2 insurance men, 1 commercial traveler, 1 real estate dealer and 1 railroad attache.

Rev. W. W. White, of Warwick, enjoyed a pleasant surprise by his flock at Salem, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst. In the afternoon of that day two wagons loaded with provisions of all kinds drove up to the parsonage in Warwick faking the parson completely by surprise. These things came as the offerings of his members and friends at Salem. The pastor wishes to return thanks to these friends for these tokens of their esteem and appreciation.—Smyrna Times.

Washington

December 28 is the date selected for the personally-Conducted Holiday Tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad to Washington. This tour will cover a period of three days, affording ample time to visit all the principal points of interest at the National Capital, including the new Congressional Library. Round-trip rate, covering all necessary expenses for the entire time absent, transportation, hotel accommodations, guides, &c., $14.50 from New York, $13.50 from Trenton, and $11.50 from Philadelphia. Proportionate rates from other points. Persons who desire may return by way of Gettysburg, and spend two days at that point, by purchasing tickets at $2.00 additional, which include this privilege.

SPECIAL TEACHERS' TOUR.

A special teachers' tour, identical with the above, will be run on the same date. Tickets for this tour, covering all necessary expenses, including accommodations at the National Hotel, Willards Hotel, or the Hotel Regent, $2.00 less than rates quoted above.

For itineraries and full information apply to Ticket Agents; Tourist Agent; 1106 Broadway, New York; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passeng er Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

KENT COUNTY.

Dr. Henry Ridgely and his wife, of Dover, will spend the winter in Florida.

While shopping in Philadelphia last week Mrs. E. R. Sipple, of Clayton, had her pocket picked and relieved of $31 in money and checks.

The stockholders of tha Brady Steamboat Company held their annual meeting Monday and elected the following directors: Messrs. G. F. Brady, H. H. Brady, Frederick Brady, W. H. Brady and John W. Watkins. The directors re-elected the following officers: President, G. F. Brady; Secretary and Treasurer, W. H. Brady; Manager, John W. Watkins.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society will be held in Snow Hill, Maryland, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 12, 13 and 14, 1898.

The distinguishing feature of these annual gatherings is in the fact that practical fruit growers and market gardeners from all parts of the Peninsula are appointed a year in advance to prepare reports upon the several kinds of fruits and vegetables that are grown in our soil. These reports this year include such topics as follows: Peaches, John J. Ross, Milford, Delaware; Pear Culture, Dr. W. S. Maxwell, Still Pond, Md.; Experiments with San Jose Scale, Capt. R. S. Emory, Chestertown, Md.; Apple Culture, S. H. Derby, Woodside, Delaware; Plums, J. W. Kerr, Maryland; Nut Culture, P. Emerson, Delaware; Grapes, W. F. Allen, Salisbury, Md.; Implements and Packages, E. H. Bancroft, Delaware; Marketing, R. G. Nicholson, Maryland; Small Fruits, A. J. McMath, Virginia; General Report on Fruits, James S. Harris, Maryland; Potato Culture, J. W. Hall, Maryland; Tomatoes and Other Vegetables, B. F. B. Woodall, Delaware; Crimson Clover, Dr. F. B. Herr, Maryland; and Transportation, A. N. Brown, Delaware.

These men will be recognized as specialists in the matters committed to their charge, and they will be aided by committees of which they are severally chairman.

In addition to these papers there will be addresses by such well-known men of national reputation as J. H. Hale, of Connecticut; W. H. Ragan, of Indiana; Dr. L. H. Bailey, of New York; Dr. L. O. Howard, U. S. Entomologist and Dr. E. F. Smith. Then the society will have the benefit of the presence of the horticulturists and entomologists of the Delaware and Maryland Experiment Stations, Prof. James S. Robinson and Prof. W. G. Johnson of the Maryland Station and Prof. G. Harold Powell, of the Delaware Station. The meeting is therefore a place where the best and most successful practical farmers and fruit growers and the most practical scientific workers meet and discuss questions of vital importance to agriculture and horticulture. Purnell's Hotel in Snow Hill has made special terms which the members of the society will fully appreciate, and excursion rates over the railroads have been secured.

LITERARY NOTES.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE FOR THE COMING YEAR.

The Century Magazine, with its November number, enters upon its twenty-seventh year. During its long existence, by reason of its many notable successes, it has won an assured and commanding position. During the coming year The Century will maintain its exceptional position as a magazine of entertainment and as a leader in art and thought.

Its pictorial features will be notable, and it will command the services of the fore most ratists, illustrators and engravers of this country and of Europe.

Nothing like complete announcement of its literary features can be attempted now. Dr. Weir Mitchell, whose novel of the American Revolution, "Hugh Wynne," is the great success of the year, has written a new story for the present volume. It bears the piquent title: "The Adventures of Francois: Foundling, Adventurer, Juggler and Fencing-Master during the French Revolution." The tale is full of romance and ad venture. Mrs. Burton Harrison contributes a new novel of New York life, called "Good Americans," in which contemporaneous social types and tendencies are brightly mirrored and described.

There will be a group of clever stories about horses and people who like horses, under the general title of "Gallops." "A Woman's Reminiscenses of the French Intervention in Mexico" will be given in a series of graphic and highly picturesque papers by Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson. Further contributions to the interesting series of "Heroes of Peace" will be made by Jacob A. Riis, Gustav Kobbe, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward, and others.

For the benefit of readers of The Century an unusual combination offer is made for this year. There has been issued "The Century Gallery of One Hundred Portraits," made up of the finest engravings that have appeared in the magazine, and representing a total expenditure of nearly $30,000. These are printed on heavy plate paper, with wide margins, like proofs. The re tail price of the gallery is $7.50, but this year it will be sold only in connection with a subscription to The Century, the price of the two together being $6.50.

THE NEW VOLUME OF ST. NICHOLAS.

St. Nicholas, conducted by Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge, enters upon the twenty-fifth year of its successful career as the leading magazine for boys and girls with its November issue. A remarkably varied and attractive list of features has been secured for the coming year, including contributions by several of the foremost writers of the day.

Rudyard Kipling's first "Jungle Stories" were written for St. Nicholas, and this year he will contribute a new series of stories to the magazine, called "Just-So Stories," written in a new vein—fantastic stories. Some stories, Mr. Kipling says, are meant to be read quietly, and some are meant to be told aloud. Some are for rainy mornings and some for long, hot afternoons, and some are for bedtime. These stories of Mr. Kipling's are meant to be told "just-so," and one must not alter one single little word. They are stories about animals, queer, very queer animals.

Mr. Frank R. Stockton will contribute "The Buccaneers of Our Coast." This is a series of narrative sketches in which will be treated the origin, characteristics, adventures, and exploits of that wild body of searovers, calling themselves "The Brethren of the Coast," who during the greater part of the seventeenth century ravaged and almost ruled the waters and shores of the West Indies.

Mr. J. T. Trowbridge has written a serial, "Two Biddicut Boys, and Their Adventures With a Wonderful Trick Dog." This is marked by his best qualities and is full of effective interest. A lively story of track and field is "The Lakerim Athletic Club," by Rupert Hughes, which will tell of a year of sports carried out by a party of "real boys." Mr. W. O. Stoddard writes a stirring romance of chivalry. "With the Black Prince," telling of the fortunes and adventures of an English lad who fights at the battle of Crecy. A fairy-tale of science "Through the Earth," by Clement Fezandie, is a serial of the Jules Verne order. It tells of the daring conception of a scientist of the next century, who by the enormously increased power of electricity succeeds in boring a hole through the earth and sending a boy in a cigar-shaped car through the tunnel.

There will be the usual number of articles of instruction and entertainment, short stories, poems and jingles, as well as hundreds of pictures by leading artists. The price of St. Nicholas is 25 cents a copy, or $3.00 a year.

CURRENT EVENTS

Francis Lingo, the negro murderer suspect of Merchantville, N. J., was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment on the charges growing out of the attempt to allure Miss Catharine V. Berry to ruin and perhaps death. The court added fines of $3,000, the full penalty.

DELAWARE CITY.

Miss Bina Morris is home for the holidays.

Dr. Irvin Sheppard was in town for Christmas.

Miss Frankie Dempsey spent the holidays with her parents.

Master Ogle Bennett is spending the holidays with his grandmother.

The Literary Society has postponed the entertainment until Jan. 13th.

The Presbyterian S. S. held its Christmas jubilee in the church on Friday evening.

Rev. L. A. Oates is detained at his old home by the serious illness of his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Manning, of Trenton, enjoyed the Christmas festivities at her father's.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Bennett and family, spent a few days including Christmas Day with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McMullin, of Wilmington, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hutchison.

Mrs. Harry White, of State Road, and Miss Lizzie Davidson were in town for the Christmas party on Monday evening.

Mr. Benj. Dougherty attended the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. McBride who were victims of a railway disaster. Mrs. McBribe was a niece of Mr. Dougherty.

Rev. W. W. Taylor whose death occurred in Wilmington on Sunday was formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in our town. Mr. Taylor was the oldest and one of the best-known Presbyterian ministers in Delaware. He was a graduate of Yale college. It is stated although he has not had a charge for several years, he made it a point to prepare a sermon every week, and has just completed a historical paper for one of the maga zines.

The funeral of Miss Sarah Janvier whose death occurred on Christmas day, took place on Tuesday. Services were held at her late residence Rev. H. S. Thompson officiating, Rev. L. A. Oates being away from home. Miss Janvier was well known and beloved by a large circle of friends and was a woman of strong character and religious principles; a consistant member of the Presbyterian church for a number of years. The remains were interred in the Presbyterian graveyard in New Castle.

The Episcopal Sunday School held its Christmas festival in the parish house on Monday evening Bishop Coleman was present and added not a little to the pleasure of the children by his genial manner and conversation with Santa Claus. Miss Edna Ubil read the address of welcome, and little Lydia Nickle charmed the audience by her elocutionary efforts. Several readings, one a letter to Santa Claus by May Evengram, and recitations interspersed by singing of carols occupied the evening. At the close of the exercises the Bishop made a few remarks and the candy and other good things were distributed. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to the Bishop by Mr. N. Geo. Price in behalf of the children, two baskets filled with packages for the Hospital and Day Nursery of St. Michaels in Wilmington. The surprise and pleasure manifested by the Bishop was duly appreciated by his people. Miss Nora Foard, Mr. Andrew Brown and Dr. Ogle assisted in the singing.

The M. E. Sunday school held its Christmas celebration in the church on Tuesday evening. The church was decorated with Christmas greens and was well filled. The singing under the able management of Mr. William Anderson was spirited and merry and the recitations by the children were well rendered. "Sing and be glad" by Lina Aaron especially. A duett was sung by May Taylor and Laura Householder. A solo by Nan Hemphill and chorus by the School was also well rendered, but the song bird of the evening was decidedly Miss Mattie McMunn whose sweet voice never sounded quite so sweet as it caroled in praising God for the birth of His Son. A Christmas farewell was recited by a class of boys and the exercises closed. Then followed the presentation of gifts for scholars and teachers, over which Santa Claus in furtrimmed garment, with long white hair and beard, presided. Mrs. Thompson, wife of the pastor, received a handsome lamp from her class of young men and "was so overwhelmed that she was almost speechless or as near that state as a lady can ever get." So her husband Rev. H. S. Thompson stated as he acknowledged the gift in her stead.

TOWNSEND NOTES.

Miss Gertie Hutchison is visiting friends at Church Hill.

Mrs Hester Wells has been quite sick but is improving slowly.

Miss Mamie Townsend, of Philadelphia is visiting her parents here.

Abram Hayden, of Atlantic City, is visiting his mother at Fieldsboro.

John and Abe Bratton, of Philadelphia, are visiting their parents here.

Mr. D. B. Maloney and daughter, Ethelyn spent Thursday at Red Lion.

Prof. Lawrence Smyth and family are spending the holidays at Kennedyville.

The friends here of Mr. Fred Reynolds and his bride wish them a very happy life.

Mrs. Ellis has been summoned to Harrisburg where she has a sister lying critically ill.

Miss Anita Wilson, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Winfield Lattomus.

Miss Eva Haynes, of Clayton, has been spending a few days with Mrs. J. S. Lattomus.

Miss Cora Jewell and Miss Sallie Jones, of Still Pond, are guests of Miss Mollie B. Gill.

Alex. Metten moved to Fieldsboro on Thursday. He will engage in the mercantile business.

Mr. Wilbur Cahoon, of New York, spent Christmas with his sister Mrs. J. C. Hutchison.

The children and grandchildren of Mrs. Joanna Lattomus took dinner with her on Christmas day.

Mr. I. N. Harman and family attended the funeral of Miss Sarah Janvier, of Delaware City on Monday.

There are quite a number of Christmas trees in town, and some of them are very pretty. It is generally conceded that Mr. Frank Wells has the handsomest.

Unclaimed...

A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Post Office Middletown, Delaware, for the week ending December, 23, 1897, George Smith, Rice King, Frederick Be...

OLD SUSSEX.

All the towns in the lower part of the state are now connected by telephone, the line between Seaford and Laurel having been completed.

ODESSA NOTES.

Miss Etta Rose, of Newark, is at home for the Holidays.

Mr. George C. Gibson returned to Philadelphia on Monday.

Miss Frances Aspril is visiting Miss Ethel Powell at Bryn Maur.

Mr. Harry Stevens of Philadelphia, was at home for Christmas.

Miss Lidie Rose spent Christmas with her father, Mr. David C. Rose.

Will Townsend has returned from a two weeks visit to Wilmington.

Mrs. Wm. Faries and children are visiting Mr. Faries parents at Smyrna.

Mrs. L. V. Aspril is the guest of her aunt, Miss Williams, in Germantown.

George Heldmyer was at home for Christmas returning to Philadelphia Monday.

Miss Helen Dure, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days with Odessa friends.

Mr. Richard Foard and son Watkins, of New York, were at home for Christmas.

Mrs. Stanton and daughters, of Chester, have been spending several days with Mr. Samuel Enos.

Miss Bessie Temple left on Monday for Barclay, Md., where she will be the guest of Miss Carrie Dudley.

Mr. G. Lou Coppage, of Wilmington, spent several days of this week with his cousin, Miss Georgia Enos.

Mr. Morgan, of Dover, has been spending the Holidays with his sisters, the Misses Morgan.

Will Keegan who is attending Pierces College in Philadelphia is home for the Holidays.

Mrs. Mabel Caulk, of Salem, N. J., spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lloyd.

Mr. John Warner, of Wilmington, has been the guest of his uncle Mr. Daniel Corbit, for few days.

Miss Lidie Gilch and a lady friend from Atlantic City are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gilch.

Rev. W. O. Hurst and Mrs. Hurst returned on Thursday from a very pleasant visit to Mrs. Hurst's mother, near Queenstown, Md.

Messrs. Sylvester D. Townsend, of Delaware City, and L. Scott Townsend, of Wilmington, spent Christmas Day with their parents.

Mr. Samuel Enos held a family reunion Sunday. Quite a large number were expected, but owing to the bad weather only twenty-one were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Williams gave a large dining Christmas Day. All the children and grandchildren were present beside a number of other relatives and friends.

The members of the Primary Department of St. Paul's M. E. Sunday-school were given a treat at the home of Mr. George L. Townsend, Supt, of the Adult School. The little folks were entertained for two hours with magic lantern and graphone. Then they received their candy and oranges from Santa Claus and went home happy.

There was a very pretty wedding in St. Paul's M. E. Church Thursday, at high noon, miss Bessie Hume and Mr. Fred Reynolds were the happy pair. Rev. W. O. Hurst tied the knot which made them one. The bride and groom were attended by Miss Cora Hume, sister of the bride, and Mr. Will Reynold, brother of the groom. The ushers were Mr. Hume, of Philadelphia, Mr. Catts, of Blackbird; Mr. Wood Griffenburg, formerly of Odessa, and Mr. Will McCoy, of Odessa. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents from 2 to 4 o'clock.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER'S OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL.,
November 17th, 1897.

Upon the application of William N. Watts, Executor of Jacob C. Vandyke, late of Appoquinimink hundred, in said county, deceased it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Executor aforesaid give notice of granting of letters testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid the day and year above written

{SEAL} CALVIN W. CROSSAN, Register.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the seventeenth day of November, A. D., 1897, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Executor, on or before the Seventeenth day of November, 1898, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided,

WILLIAM N. WATTS, Executor

Address, Townsend, Delaware.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House on Market street between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county, State of Delaware,

ON FRIDAY,

THE 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 1898,
at 2 o'clock p. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land with the two two-story dwellings thereon erected, situate in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning on the northerly side of Sixth street at the distance of 30 feet easterly from the easterly side of Scott street; ti ence northerly parallel with Scott street and through the middle of the division wall of this and the adjoining house on the west 75 feet to a corner; thence easterly parallel with Sixth street 30 feet to a corner; thence southerly parallel with Scott street and through the division wall of this house 75 feet to the aforesaid side of Sixth street, and thence thereby westerly 30 feet to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Mandeville J. Anderson and Harriet M. Anderson, his wife, mortgagors, and t.t's and to be sold by

WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, December 29th, 1897.

GREENSBORO PEACH

The finest white flesh peach in existence. Ripens before the Alexander. Extra large, fine flavor. Donaldson's Elmira Asparagus Roots. A new production of rare merit. Strawberry Plants, Japan Plums, Small Fruits, Tenn. Peach Seed. Catalogue FREE.
HARRISON'S NURSERIES, Berlin, Md.

Notice!

The Annual Meeting of the
Cantwell Mutual Insurance Co.,
Will be held at the Hotel of Charles W. Lloyd, in ODESSA, DEL.,
...day, JANUARY 3d, 1898,
...time seven (7) Directors will be ...erve the ensuing year. The premium ...osit Notes at the rate of five (5) ...ll be required to be paid. The ... declared a Dividend o ten (10) ... the Surplus Fund on all balances ... to the credit of members, payable on and after January 3d, 1898. Election for Directors will take place between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

JOHN C. CORBIT, President.
JOSEPH G. BROWN, Secretary.
Odessa, Del., December 8, 1897.

WANAMAKER'S. | WANAMAKER'S.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 27, 1897.

JANUARY WHITE FAIR

A Condition Not an Excuse.

It has for years been part of our plan of storekeeping to make great sales of merchandise in January.

The idea has spread country-wide, and yet we know of no other store which has really caught the spirit of the movement.

With us it was a necessity to do large selling, not only during the months that had been counted selling months, but during every month.

Away back in 1877 we believed we could sell really dependable goods for household and personal use as cheap as other stores sold questionable or carelessly-gathered goods—maybe cheaper. The store life went on and developed, but when dull seasons came the expenses bid fair to eat up the profits or more. We must either skip dull seasons or cover their losses by charging higher prices all the time—must find the remedy or be like other stores.

Hence, January Sales, and large movements at other seasons in danger of being dull.

These are not excuses for sensational advertising. We do not advertise nowadays except to tell the plain story of the goods we have gathered.

January prices are much reduced, partly from lessened profits, largely now as the fruits of early-laid plans for getting goods.

The whole country looks our way—for the mails make us all neighbors. But the great bulk of this business is with the good friends who continually come into the store and make personal selections.

Chiefly interesting among the January merchandise movements are

THE HALF-YEAR SALE OF MUSLIN AND CAMBRIC UNDERGARMENTS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

A SPECIAL SALE OF SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES, BEDDING AND BLANKETS.

A SALE OF HOUSEKEEPING LINENS, FOR TABLE AND BATH-ROOM.

SALE OF MEN'S SHIRTS AND NIGHT-SHIRTS.

A Happy New Year wish is a tangible something when we help toward the ordering of real economy in the household.

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THE CHURCHES IN MIDDLETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7 30 p. m Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 6.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fri days of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

Notice!

With regret some of the TRANSCRIPT'S bills have been placed in the hands of collectors. We have regretted to do this, 1st because we desire to give all the time required for easy payments; 2nd because the paper should not be subjected to the cost of paying extra for collecting. Illness has necessitated that others have made out these bills and any errors will be cheerfully corrected. We trust prompt payments will be made.

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TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Owing to Holiday vacation and extra office work the large number of payments have not been indicated on the mail list. This will be attended to and other credits will be gladly given in return for the cash.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 1, 1898.

Local News.

Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Remedy, it cures; 25 cents.

—The shooting season for rabbits, quail, and woodcock closed yesterday. It has been fairly good.

—New Upright Piano for sale cheap.
J. B. MESSICK.

—The Delmarvia Telephone Company, which has over 600 subscribers, began operations in Wilmington last week.

—WANTED.—Operators on Shirts. Apply to F. H. Burgess at Factory.

—Mr. Jesse L. Shepherd has purchased the Buck property on West Main street and will fit it up and occupy it after March 25.

FOR SALE—A well-bred young horse, cheap. J. C. PARKER.

—The Messrs. Brady have been putting in the machinery in their creamery this week expecting to open up to-day for work.

It's folly, to lose your poultry when the use of Bragdon's Poultry Remedy is guaranteed to you for 25 cents.

—The many friends of Mrs. Matilda Budd will regret to learn that they will soon move to Wilmington to make that city their home.

—House I now occupy for Rent. Possession December 1st. J. B. MESSICK.

—The subject at M. E. Church to-morrow morning, 10.30 will be "New Year's Motto," and "It is the Will of God," in the evening at 7.30. Special revival begins with these services.

—FOR RENT.—Three Dwellings on Main street and one in the rear.
MISS FANNIE SHEPHERD.

—Rev. W. F. Lewis, pastor of Rodney Street Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, has been offered the chair in Hebrew and the Old Testament at the Presbyterian Theological College at Bala, North Wales.

—FOR RENT.—Dwelling on Main street, east of Broad. JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

—FOR SALE.—A fine farm of 74 acres, 15 acres woodland, nice dwelling, good granary and stables, orchard and vineyard, not far from water and rail facilities. Terms easy at private sale. Inquire at TRANSCRIPT office.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural Implements on hand

—Sunshine Circle of King's Daughters of Wilmington erected a Christmas tree—balsam fir—in the City Hall Christmas morning giving to 250 poor children a treat of candy, apples. oranges, dolls, horns, pop corn, &c.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontunder and Gas for painless extracting.

—Rev. W. W. Taylor, the oldest Presbyterian minister in Wilmington, died on Sunday, aged 87 years. His last charge was twenty years ago at Delaware City. He was the pastor of Mrs. McKinley's father and mother, officating at Mr. and Mrs. Saxton's marriage.

—President McKinley's address at the Commercial Museum in Philadelphie was reported (by appointment) by a graduate of Goldey (Wil. Del.) Commercial and Shorthand College. Send for catalogue.

—Rev. W. W. White, the pastor, will preach at Sassafras on next Sunday morning, Jan. 2d, at 10.30 o'clock. He will also preach in Warwick at 7 o'clock p. m. at which time protracted service will begin to continue through the week. All are cordially invited to these services.

—Advantages of LeGore's Combination of Lime above others are, it acts quicker asts longer, takes less per acre. For State analysis and scientific test. testimonials, prices, &c, address, J. W. LeGore, Woodsboro, Md.

—The "Cake Walk" given in the Opera House on Christmas night was a success, so successful that the anti-criticisms ceased from the lifting of the curtain. It was a burlesque and a good one, a laughable one and put over forty dollars in the treasury of the Y. M. C. A. The twelve young men who impersonated the half dozen colored couples were gotten up in fine shape and they actually "took the cake" and the house. There were 319 tickets at the door, gross receipts $74.10. When all the little bills are paid a statement will be given. The drama was good, a repetition from Thanksgiving night. It was highly enjoyed by the whole audience and worthy the liberal applause it received.

—FOR RENT.—The property on Cass Street, Middletown, now occupied by Stephen Boyer. Large and roomy with all modern conveniences. Possession given March 25th. 1898. Address,
MRS. HARDCASTLE,
Chesapeake City, Md.

—The Langdon Dramatic Company which gave a series of plays here two years ago will be at the Middletown Opera House on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 6th, 7th and 8th. Company of twelve and new play every night. Admission 10 and 20 cents; reserved seats 30 cents at Lether bury's.

—An editor in a neighboring town sarcastically remarks that he wants to buy a sack of flour, a pair of shoes and a felt hat, and he is prepared to receive the lowest bids for the same. He says some of his own townpeople treat him that way when they want printing to the amount of $2 or $3 done.

—The good Sunday-school boys and girls big and little, have been remembered this week. Christmas treats at the M. E. Church on Tuesday evening, and at the P. E. and Presbyterian on Thursday evening, added to the sweets of their lives with pleasant recollections. Now for more faithful service in '98.

—"Will you visit my Christmas tree and me this evening?" said a pair of bright eyes in youthful pants early Monday evening to the reporter. "I want my tree in the paper" was the frank declaration of Master Harry DeValinger and certainly his handsome tree deserves that distinction. It was literally covered with pretty ornaments.

—An exchange thus comprehends the game: "Book agents may be killed from August 1st; spring poets from March 1st to July 1st; scandal mongers from January 1st to December 31st, inclusive: umbrella borrows from February 1st to May 1st. An open season will last the entire year for life insurance agents and fellows who borrow their neighbors' papers."

—Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McBribe were killed at Stanton crossing on Friday of last week their team being run into by the cars as they were going to market. Their only child, Carrie, though severely hurt, it is thought will recover Mrs. McBribe was formerly of Thoroughfare Neck, and was taken by Mrs, Joseph Donahoe when she was seventeen months old, and lived with her as a daughter.

—The Christmas treat at Armstrong's to the Sunday-school was given on Tuesday evening and was a success in every way. The attendance was large and there was an abundance for all. Superintendent J. F. Deakyne was presented with a handsome silk umberalla through Mr. George Rowe. The recitations and music were enjoyed as much as the other part of the treat. This is a very enthsiastic school.

—Of the Langdon Dramatic Company which plays in the Middletown Opera House, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, January 6th, 7th and 8th an exchange says: "No theatrical attraction of any character since the early days of the Messenger Opera House, when the favorite comedienne Patti Rosa and the tragedian Frederick Warde held its boards occasionally, has been greeted with such large and elite audiences as has the Langdon Dramatic Company for the past week."

—Notwithstanding the fact that the fire was built three days before yet the Opera House was to many people uncomfortably cold at the entertainment on Christmas night. The opinion is general that the fault is with the fireman; the house has been heated heretofore and the management are doing the town, the hall, themselves an injury in not making the hall comfortable. Window lights should be put in and currents of air should thus be stopped. A cold hall will kill entertainments for the future. A word to the wise

—On Christmas morning Father Debitt, of Baltimore, celebrated Mass at 7, 8, and 9 o'clock in St. Joseph's R. C. Church in this town. There was some very fine music, Mr. John Dorsey and Miss Marsh, of Warwick, aiding in the singing. The church was beautifully trimmed in evergreen and the old custom of ringing the church bell at midnight, on Christmas eve was observed. There will be services to-day, New Year's and to-morrow at 10.30 A. M. by Father DeBitt.

OBITUARY.

MRS. MARGARET CULBRETH.

"In the midst of life we are in death" was startlingly illustrated in the death of Mrs. Culbreth, widow of Capt. G. S. Culbreth, U. S. N., who lost his life in the September gale, 1877, on the Huron off the North Carolina coast. Mrs. Culbreth has been boarding at the National Hotel since August, formerly of Smyrna, and after supper Wednesday evening she went out for a walk and for services at St. Anne's Church. After service she called on Mrs. E. R. Cochran leaving for home about 9 o'clock. She got as far as Dr. T. H. Gilpin's residence and went in, telling Mrs. Gilpin how ill she felt. Physicians were sent for and she was helped up stairs. She was in great pain and could scarcely speak when Dr. Vaughan arrived. She died in ten minutes after she entered the house presumably from oedema of the lungs.

Her daughter, Mrs. Carroll H. Sudler of Chicago, was notified and her brother-in-law, Mr. Joseph Burchenel of Dover. The remains were removed to Smyrna on Thursday. Mrs. Culbreth was the daughter of Major J. G. Black and was about 57 years old.

BENJAMIN MERRITT CRAWFORD.

Benjamin M. Crawford, a prominent citizen and a former Treasurer of Cecil county died at his home near Cecilton Friday night, of last week, aged seventy-nine years. He had been in failing health for a long time, and his death was not unexpected.

Mr. Crawford was well known in Middletown having been in active business life just over the Maryland line for years and having a large circle of relatives and friends here. A short time since he embraced experimental religion and has been happy since in the hope of eternal rest. He insisted that at his funeral the minister should dwell upon the necessity of accepting Christ and to show the risk and the loss to those who put off doing so. Rev. I. L. Wood, of Middletown, officiated and observed the request of the deceased. Interment was had in Forest Cemetery.

Mr. Crawford was an active man in the affairs of the county, being identified with the Democratic party. He served two terms as County Commissioner, and in 1892 was appointed Treasurer, an office he held for two years. Six children survive him:—B. M. Crawford, of Arizona; Abraham Crawford, of Kent county; Harry Crawford, of California; Dr. E. N. Crawford, of Cecilton; Archer and Miss Beulah Crawford who live at home.

JAMES B. BRAGDON,

Father of Dr. J. B. Bragdon, druggist of Middletown, died on Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock, aged 77 years. Mr. Bragdon had a stroke of Paralysis some months ago and his death was not unexpected though sudden when it came. Dr. Bragdon in response to telegram hastened to the city but did not arrive until an hour after the end. Mr. Bragdon has often visited Middletown and had many friends here. He leaves a widow and two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. Interment was had yesterday in Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore.

MRS. FRANK TYSON,

Formerly Miss Hope, died on Friday of last week at the residence of her husband in Philadelphia of consumption. She has been ill for a year and her demise was not unexpected. Mr. Tyson is a cousin to the Misses Beasten and the remains were brought to their residence on the arrival of the noon train on Monday where after services by Rev. I. L. Wood interment was had in Forest Cemetery.

MRS. JAMES WILLIAMS,

Wife of Hon. James Williams of Smyrna and mother of Mr. Nathaniel J. Williams of this town, died Wednesday evening at Smyrna after a lingering illness, aged 70 years. Funeral at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

(If you have been away on a visit, or have visitors at your home send us the news, send it early. What may seem of no interest to you, may be pleasing to some one else. We are always pleased to publish any items of personal or local mention and cordially invite our patrons to furnish us the facts.)

—Miss Lena Pleasanton is visiting friends in Baltimore.

—Mr. Edgar Clark is spending New Year's in Philadelphia.

—Miss Susie Parker spent the first of the week in St. Augustine.

—Miss E. C. Parker is visiting Miss Grace Hermann, near Baltimore.

—Miss Mary Maxwell is visiting her sister in Atlantic City this week.

— Miss Ida Weyler, of Pottstown, Pa., is visiting Miss Susie Parker.

—Miss Bessie Foard is visiting friends at Wissahickon, Philadelphia.

—Mr. Harry Lank, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mr. W. Reese Parker.

—Mr. William Hall, of Media, Pa., is the guest of his mother and sister.

—Miss Ada Bradley, of Philadelphia, is visiting her uncle, Mr. J. K. Long.

—Mrs. Horace Vaughan is entertaining Miss Sara Smith, of Newark, N. J.

—Dr. Mary Cominade Gillespie is the guest of Mr. A. G. Cox and family.

—Mr. Harry Johnson of the Quaker City spent his vacation in Middletown.

—Misses Marian and Fanny Burstan are visiting relatives in Philadelphia,

—Mr. Jack Metten, of New York City, was in town on Monday evening.

—Miss Mabel and Mr. J. Gray Taylor are New Year's visitors in Philadelphia.

—Miss Alice Case, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with Mrs. M. B. Burris.

—Miss Helen Cheairs, of Delaware City, is the guest of Miss Lucie Cochran.

—Misses Helen and Daisy Naudain are guests of their sister, Mrs. W. B. Biggs.

—Mr. Charles Earnest, of Philadelphia, spent several days with friends in town.

—Miss Mary L. Burton, of Frederica, is visiting Miss Viola Ennis on Cass street.

—Miss Mary Appleton was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson during Christmas.

—Mrs. Roderick of Camden, N. J. has been a visitor this week at Mr. E. R. Cochran's.

—Miss Edna Cazier is entertaining at Mt. Vernon Place Miss Carrie Flavel, of Philadelphia.

—Mr. and Mrs. Polk Eliason, of New Castle, were Christmas guests at Mrs. Sarah Houston's.

—Mrs. May Walker, of Philadelpia, was the guest, of Miss E. C. Parker on Monday and Tuesday.

—Misses Parvis, Register and Townsend, of Dover, are guest of Miss Mabel Parvis on West Main street.

—Miss Alice Mills, of Clayton, was a guest at Mr. Edward Reynolds' the early part of this week.

—Miss Louise Reynolds returned Thursday from an extended visit with friends in Southern Maryland.

Mrs. Lettie Price of Philadelphia is spending the week at her mother's, Mrs. Prices, on South Broad street.

—Miss Annie Gibbs, with her nephews, Isaac and Benjamin Gibbs, are spending the week in Baltimore.

—Mr. Charles W. Jones, Jr., of New York City, spent the holidays with his parents on East Main Street.

—Mrs. Annie Pennington left on Monday for Asheville, North Carolina, where she will spend several weeks.

—Mr. Edwin Prettyman spent Christmas and Sunday with his wife who is the guest of her parents at the Middletown Hotel.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Rothwell, of New Castle, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moody Rothwell near town.

—Miss Bessie Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brown are spending New Year's in Philadelphia the guests of Mrs. William McGonigal.

—Mr. Gilpin Massey, of Norristown, Pa., and Mr. Edward Massey, of New Castle, pent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. V. W. Massey.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Petherbridge, of the City of Brotherly Love, are guests of their elatives, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cox and the Misses Cox.

—Mrs. Sarah Trites and daughter, Miss Trites, who have been in town for several months returned on Tuesday to their Baltimore home.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cochran, Jr., and son, have been spending the holidays with friends and relatives in town and Georgetown, Md.

—Master McKendree Downs, of Downs' Chapel, has spent his holiday vacation with his cousin, Master Sewell Downs, near Mt. Pleasant, Del.

—Mr. Alex. Metten and family have moved from Lewes to Fieldsboro this week. Mrs. Metten, who has been quite ill, is with her sister in Smyrna.

—Mrs. W. A. Comegys gave on Monday evening of this week a reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Barnard, Jr. at her home on South Broad street.

—Messrs. Irving Sheppard, A. R. Reynolds, Galen Wright and Robert Comegys, of the University of Pennsylvania, have been among the holiday visitors.

—Mr. William T. Budd, of Wilmington, and Mr. James H. Budd, of Harrisburg spent several days during the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Matilda Budd.

—The Middletown guests at the Kent Club Ball, Dover, Thursday evening were: Misses Mabel Parvis, Lucie, Ada and Anna Cochran and Messrs. J. C. C. Kelley, Geo. L. Townsend, Fred Crouch and Dr. J. C. Stites.

—Mr. E. M. Vaughan was one of the ushers at the marriage of his cousin, Miss Martilla Evans, to Mr. Alfred F. Polk, in the M. E. Church, Georgetown, Del., at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The church was beautifully decorated and the wedding was a very pretty one.

—Miss Blanche Cochran received with Miss Edna Cazier at a reception given at her home near Kirkwood on Wednesday evening. Among the other Middletown guests were Misses May Holten and Della Clayton, and Messrs. W. Reese Parker, C. R. Clayton, Lou Naudain and John Rothwell.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL BALL.

As the TRANSCRIPT goes to press, New Year's Eve, the members of the Young Men's Social Club of Middletown with their invited guests are assembing in the Middletown Opera House to enjoy the Eleventh Annual Ball of the Club. Of all the social gatherings on the Peninsula none are more enjoyed than those given by this club. The purpose has been to make this excel all others. Oglesby's Orchestra of Chester will furnish the music. Lunch will be served by waiters just as the farewells are said to the old year and the welcome is extended to the new. Among the invited guests are:

Middletown: J. Frank Biggs, Esq., Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Biggs, Miss Jodie Biggs, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brady, Miss Ethel Brady, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brown, Mr. Clarence R. Clayton, Misses Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Comegys, Mr. Robert A. Comegys, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Cochran, E. R. Cochran., Jr., Esqr, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cochran, Jr., Mrs. Ella Cochran, Misses Blanche, Ada, Lucie, Lydia and Mary Cochran, Messrs. Malcome, Herman and Douglas Cochran, Mr. Charles Crawford, Mr. Fred Crouch, Miss Viola Ennis, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foard, Misses Bessie and Adda Foard, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Gilpin, Mrs. C. S. Green, Miss May Holten, Mr. and Mrs. George Janvier, Miss Hester Jones, Mr. John C. C. Kelley, Dr and Mrs. W. F. Kennedy, Mr. W. G. Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McDowell, Mr. Allen McDowell, Mr. Louis Naudain, Mr. W. Reese Parker, Misses Lizzie and Susie Parker, Miss Mabel Parvis, Mr. Frank R. Pool, Mr. W. R. Reynolds, Miss Bessie Reynolds, Dr. J. C. Stites, Mr. John Gray Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. H. Vaughan, Mr. E. M. Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Willits, Miss Willits and Mr. John H. Parvis.

Dover: Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Clark, Miss Clara Clark, Mr. Victor Clark, Miss Lela Cole and brother, Mr. Wm. Denny and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mr. and Mr. R. L. Holiday, Messrs. Ridgley and Max Harrington, Hon. James H. Hughes, Mr. Harry Heverin, Miss Julia Jones and sisters, Mr. Wm. Pennewill, Miss Mary Register, Hon. William Saulsbury, Miss Elizabeth Wallace, Miss Beulah Wilds, Mr. H. M. Wilkinson, Mr, DuPont Walker, Mr. Lee Walker. Mr, J, L. Wolcott, Jr., Mr. W. Richardson and brother.

Delaware City: Hon. W. W. Cheairs, Misses Cheairs, Mr. C. Stewart Clark, Mr. C. S. Clark and sister, Mr. W. D. Clark, Miss Alice Clark and sister, Mr. Wm. Jester, Mr and Mrs. T. B. Heisel, Mr. George McIntyre, Mr. Joe Reeves and brother, Mr. Edward Reybold and brother, Mr. Irvin Shepherd, Mr. Thos. Sadler and sister, Mr. S. D. Townsend.

Smyrna: Miss Mary Anthony, Mr. W. M. Bustead, Mr. Wm. Brady, Mr. Davis Brown, Miss Edith Collins, Mr. Hiram Denny, Mr. Robert Denny, Mr. Robert. R. Hoffecker, Jr., Dr. J. Allen Johnson, Mr. Howard Jones. Mr. Clarence B. Raymond, Miss Alice Spruance, Misses Tschudy, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Waller.

Milford: Miss Mariah Causey and sister, Miss Jenny D. Causey, Mr. E. H. Causey, Mr. T. P. Causey, Miss Coltison, Miss May Davis and sisters, Mr. Leopold Hirsh, Mr. Donald Marshall, Mr. Chas. G. Prettyman, Miss Louise Pratt, Misses Prettyman, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Pratt, Mr. Arthur E. Reynolds, Miss Corinne M. Sherwood, Mr. George D. Truitt, Mr. W. T. Watson, Jr., Misses Yardley.

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Newark: Mr. John Armstrong, Dr. C. H. Green, Mr. Joseph Hossinger, Mr. George Henry, Prof. Carl Harrington, Miss Nan Mason, Mr. Allen Oliver.

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An Election for NINE DIRECTORS of the Odessa Creamery Co., to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Creamery Building at 2 o'clock on TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1898.
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Notice--Election!

THE PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK, OF MIDDLETOWN, Middletown Del., Dec. 8th, 1897.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR TEN DIRECTORS will be held at the banking house, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1898, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 12 o'clock, noon.
11 dec.4t G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

Notice--Election!

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK, OF ODESSA, December 8th, 1897.

The Stockholders, Annual Meeting for the election of NINE DIRECTORS to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1898, between the hours of 11 o'clock, A. M., and 1 o'clock, P. M.
11 dec.3t JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

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6 qt. Agate Milk Pan, 15c; 4 qt. Agate Milk Pan, 10 cents.

4 qt. Long Handled Stew Pans, 25c; 1 qt. Tin Coffee Pots, 7c; 2 qt. Tin Coffee and Tea Pots 8c; 3 qt. Tin Coffee Pots, 10c; 4 qt. Tin Coffee Pots, 12c.

Butter Milk Soap, 3 large cakes, 9c box.

Mrs. Potts' Sad Iron Handles, 10c; Sixty feet of Wire Clothes line, 10c; Clothes Pins, 1c per dozen.

Shoe and Stove Brushes, 8c; Large Vegetable Graters, 4c; Egg Whips, 2c.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levari Facias, to me directed will be exposed to public sale at the Court House on Market street between tenth and Eleventh streets in the city of Wilmington, county of New Castle and State of Delaware,

ON THURSDAY,
THE 6th DAY OF JANUARY, 1898,
at 2 o'clock p. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land with a two story brick messuage thereon erected, situate in the city of Wilmington aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, that is to say:

Beginning on the northerly side of Sixth street at the distance of 68 feet westerly from the westerly side of du Pont street; thence northerly parallel with duPont street 81 feet to a corner, thence westerly parallel with Sixth Street 32 feet to a corner; thence southerly parallel with du Pont street 81 feet to the aforesaid side of Sixth street, and thence thereby easterly 32 feet to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may.

Seized and taken into execution as the property of Moses Nichols, surviving mortgagor, and Susan P. Nichols, his wife, and to be sold by
WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, December 18, 1897.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, at the National Hotel, in Middletown, St. Georges hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware,

ON MONDAY,
THE 3d DAY OF JANUARY, 1898,
at 10 o'clock, a. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain lot or tract of land situate, lying and being in the town of Middletown aforesaid, adjoining lands now or formerly of Robert A. Cochran and of the Citizens' National Bank, and binding on Broad street in said town, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a corner for lands of the Citizens' National Bank aforesaid, at the curb stone in the said Broad street, running thence with the line of lands of the said Citizens' National Bank west 80½ feet to a granary, a property now or formerly of the said Robert A. Cochran; thence with said granary north 54 feet to a corner; thence east 76 feet to the curb-stone of Broad street aforesaid; thence south with said street 48 feet to the place of beginning, containing within said metes and bounds 3397½ feet of land, be the same more or less.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Samuel M. Reynolds and Mary F. Reynolds, his wife, mortgagors and terre nants, and to be sold by
WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware December 15th, 1897.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the National Hotel, in Middletown, St. Georges hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware,

ON FRIDAY,
THE 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 1898,
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Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Major John Jones Post, No. 22, G. A. R. Meets every Friday night in Reynolds Building at 7 o'clock

Welcome Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K. of P. Hall.

Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., meets every 2d and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL, JAN. 1, 1897.

FARM FIELD AND GARDEN

PLANNING AN ICEHOUSE.

Conditions Necessary For Success—How These May Be Attained.

The requirements for an icehouse are tersely summed up by Country Gentleman as follows: First, a dry foundation perfectly sealed against entrance of air; second, an airtight, nonconducting wall around the ice of such a character that any damp that might exist or happen in the wall may be evaporated from the outside, and thus tend, by the influence of evaporation, to cool the wall; third, a well ventilated cover or roof through which a current of air may pass, by which moisture gathering in the covering over the body of the ice may be evaporated, with the result of keeping the covering dry and cool; fourth, a solid body of ice packed so that all blocks, closely fitting, or having the spaces between them filled with small ice or the powdered fragments made in the filling swept into the crevices, make a single solid block of ice.

These requisites are best secured by a wooden house, with double walls filled in between with any dry, porous substance, so as to secure as many minute air spaces as possible. Dry sawdust answers this purpose better than anything else. Dry tan bark comes next, fine charcoal next, and after these dry forest leaves closely pressed down will serve the purpose. The house should be placed on elevated, dry ground, exposed to the wind and air, and having no shade. It should have a tight roof, with gables open to the air, so that a free current of air may pass through and over the covering of the ice, keeping this covering dry and perfectly sustaining its porosity, which would be destroyed if the covering should be wet and soggy. Inside the floor should be sealed against the entrance of air with the greatest care. This is the weakest part of an icehouse and is to be looked after particularly. A cemented floor is the best. There should be a good drainage on the floor by making several small channels, all conveying to one corner, where a perfect air trap made like an S laid on its side is placed, in which water will always stay, thus preserving the bottom from access of air which would otherwise enter and soon cut a way through the ice.

If these requisites are secured, no inside packing is needed. The ice may be packed close to the inner wall. Another safeguard is to have the ice cut in blocks, so that the joints are broken, as, for instance, 16 by 24 or 12 by 18, 3 feet lengthwise crossing 2, thus effectually preventing circulation of air through the mass. To illustrate the advantage and effect of this, it may be mentioned that ice cut in this way has been packed out of doors in a pile and merely covered by a heap of refuse tan bark and simply inclosed in a rough boarded inclosure, and it kept perfectly well all the summer.

If these necessary conditions are secured, any sort of shelter above ground in an airy location will keep ice, but an underground storage will fail because the conditious required cannot be secured.

The Campbell System.

The Campbell system of farming is being introduced in North Dakota, according to the Milwaukee Sentinel. In Kansas and Nebraska there are now 12 large experiment farms conducted by the railroads, and the same thing is being tried in North and South Dakota and Minnesota. The Burlington, Rock Island, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Northern Pacific and Great Northern companies are engaged in it, and farmers in the different states are watching the experiments with much interest.

This new system is for raising field crops without much rain, as described in The Country Gentleman. The soil is first thoroughly pulverized three or four inches with a disk, plow or harrow. Then the land is plowed eight or ten inches deep, turning the fine top soil into the bottom of the furrow, and a surface packer packs the substratum firmly, leaving the top soil loose three inches deep. In the spring the ground is thoroughly harrowed and the wheat drilled in 24 to 30 inches apart for cultivation during the summer. A wide machine is used, so that a man and two horses can go over 20 to 25 acres a day. The idea is that constant cultivation retains moisture and enables the roots of the plants to make the most of what rain and dew fall, the "dust blanket" forming a mulch for the growing grain.

How to Do Fall Plowing.

It is a wise rule to plow in the fall only in pursuance of a definite and intelligent plan. If a heavy soil is to be exposed to the disintegrating action of frost or an old piece of greensward is to be broken up and it is desired to freeze the grubs out of it or a piece is wanted for small grain as early as it can be seeded in spring there is good reason for fall plowing, but a light, rolling soil, plowed in autumn and exposed for six months or more to the action of wind and water, loses something of its fertility, even if it does not wash away or gully. If it is desired to turn over such soils in the way of fall fallowing, the better way is to seed with some green crop to be turned under in spring. This holds the soil together during the winter, prevents washing and leaching and at last adds to the humus in the soil.

Where heavy clay land is plowed in autumn it is best to lay it up in "lands" not more than eight paces wide. This is so obvious that it would seem needless to mention it if there were not abundant evidence to the contrary. If the dead furrows are considered objectionable when the seeding is to be done the following spring, they may be easily filled by the harrow, says the writer, a correspondent of Country Gentleman.

FIRST DAY OF THE YEAR.

How it is Observed in the Various Countries of the Earth.

The nations of the earth have differed considerably as to which is the first day of the year, but all have agreed in celebrating it as a holiday. Among the Chinese it is the greatest festival of the year, and in France it is observed more than is Christmas.

In Persia the year is supposed to begin on March 21, and the day is one of universal rejoicing. Men who never take a bath or get shaved at any other time do so on that day, and the barbers reapa rich harvest in consequence.

Our Teutonic and Saxon ancestors found it impossible to celebrate the day without a wassail bowl. Pledges were drunk from it, and from this came the name, wassail being derived from the Saxon "wasshail"—"to your health." The bowl was so big that when a man rose to drink from it he had to use both hands to raise it to his lips, and such were the gentle manners of the times that a friend always stood by with drawn sword while he did so to prevent his being stabbed.

New Year's is a great day in the courts of European royalty. All the monarchs, with the exception of King Leopold, who is not noted for being religious, begin the day by going to church, and much of the time that remains is devoted to the reception of the great dignitaries of church, state, army and diplomatic corps. Even his little majesty of Spain must go through this ordeal, and he gets very tired of it before it is over.

The custom of making New Year's calls was inherited in New York from the Dutch, and though it has fallen somewhat into disuse of late years there are signs of its being revived.

It has always been the custom of the presidents of the United States to receive on New Year's day. In 1790, when New York was the seat of government, Washington held a reception between the hours of 12 and 3 and was visited by all the home and foreign dignitaries. He expressed the hope on that occasion that whatever change might take place in the manners and customs of the city the observance of New Year's day might never be given up.

According to an old superstition, ill fortune is sure to attend the family whose first visitor on New Year's day is a female, while a lady's first caller should be a dark man, as a fair one is thought to be a harbinger of evil.

A custom similar to that of making New Year's calls is the sending of cards to one's friends on the day. In this way one can keep up acquaintances that might otherwise die out merely from lack of time for great sociability.

After the restoration of the Bourbons it became fashionable in Paris to send bon-bons on New Year's day, and in 1822 a thousand tons of them were sold in the two days preceding the festival.

In New York New Year,s is always a great occasion, though the manner of observing it has changed with the times. There are services in many churches and receptions in many clubs and drawing rooms, and for some undiscovered reason all the small boys in the metropolis turn out into the streets and blow horns. The chimes of Trinity always used to be rung from 11.30 till midnight and thousands of people went to hear them, but the horns made so much more noise than the bells that the ringing has been discontinued.—New York Tribune.

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NEW YEARS THOUGHTS.

It is because nearly all of us live on hope, because we are mentally sustained by expectations, that New Year's is always welcome. It is the one day of the twelve-month—Christmas is chiefly for children—that appeals most to men and women. Much of its attractiveness depends, for the multitude, on its nominal newness. We are all familiar and weary with the old. We are ever sighing for the new, which seems as if it would bring a change of mind and condition. New Year's is not a whit newer for its name, as every one who thinks for a moment is aware, but names are potent, more potent often than things. We like to deceive ourselves and to accept any sort of pretext that will serve our purpose. A name is as good as anything else, though there is nothing behind it.

It is absurd and ludicrous, philosophically, to believe, unless for some specific cause, that the coming year will be any better, more helpful or will make us any more contented than the last year has done. Nevertheless it is natural to so believe, for belief is but hope intensified, full matured. Few of us can reach a philosophic height, and it may be well that we cannot. Philosophy may make us strong, but the majority of us would rather be satisfied, would rather enjoy the prospect of something desirable, even if it should never be reached. And this feeling cannot be had without hope and without hope life is not worth keeping. Could any of us live deprived of hope? Some of us think we can and that we do. But do we? Have we not hope that we are unconscious of? Is not the mere fact of our living positive proof of this? Would not entire absence of hope result in discontinuance of our physical being? Is not hope essential to the world's perpetuity?

The bulk of us hold as much faith in each New Year as if we had never experienced a New Year life. We forget that the past year was once the new and that we had fond anticipations of what it would bring. Not only will the New Year, as we imagine, afford us improved circumstances, it will alter our mind, even revolutionize our disposition; recreate us afresh. We are as a rule positively superstitious about each and every New Year, for we really think, in effect, though we would never make the admission, that it will deal with us magically, that it will actually transform us without active co-operation on our part. We are superstitious, too, about other things, more than we are conscious of or could be persuaded to believe. If we laugh at such vulgar superstitions as that Friday is unlucky, or that breaking a mirror is a sign of death, we fancy we have free minds. At the same time we may be abjectly superstitious concerning a hundred facts in which superstition is not supposed to be involved. While every civilized man claims to be a reasoning animal, not one in 50 is strictly so.

It may be that hope has more to do with New Year's that superstition has, for hope and faith are so closely allied to it as to be hardly distinguishable, sometimes, one from the other. Superstition is, under all circumstances, baneful, but hope is commonly useful, desirable, of particular advantage to him who hopes, provided it be not so excessive as to become visionary. Any virture may degenerate into an evil, may be carried too far, as faith, beautiful in itself, frequently sinks into slavish, debasing superstition and may commit astrocious cruelties.

It seems sheer superstition for a man who is selfish, vicious, dissipated this year to believe that he will be generous, virtuous, self denying in the year to come unless he has resolved to reform thoroughly, just as he is not likely being poor in purse and in health at present, to be monetarily independent and round body within a few months because there will have ushered in another year without rigid economy or exceptional luck or the close observance of hygienic laws.

It is unadulterated superstition to think that one's fortune or nature will change as soon as the clock strikes midnight on Dec. 31, for changes of any kind are seldom sudden. But if one seriously reflects in October, November or December that his surroundings are not as he would have them or that he is not performing his duties to his fellows there is a fair chance of his material and moral betterment in January, February or March.

Apart from this, hope is every stirring in the human heart, and if things go ill with us one season we are supported by an inward suggestion that they will go better at a later season, which is generally associated with the New Year. This inward suggestion is the voice of hope. It is heard in the darkest hours, in the most depressing moods, and it is more grateful than the music of the spheres. It is the greatest blessing—many regard it as the sole blessing—of humanity, for while it constantly cheats it always comforts. Dante was just in representing the punishment of the inferno as the total surrender of hope. It is at worst a delightful phantom.

New Year's is a grand, and inspiring occasion, for it is always saturated with hope. We are wont to scoff at and deride it as a day when men make good resolutions only to break them; when they turn over new leaves, as it is called merely to turn them back again. They want, they hope to be better, and but few of them are so. They determine to advance, and if they do advance they slip back. Their failures are many, are continuous, and often excite laughter. But it is worthier to determine and decline, to hope and be disappointed, than not to determine or hope at all. Determination and hope add to our contest, or at least diminish our discontent, and they are born of New Year's. The great need of human life is content, never attained, never attainable. And though New Year's we deluded into belief of its possibility. Therefore welcome be New Year's, not for what it gives, but for what it promises to give.

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Philadelphia	7.25	10.20	12.02	3.46	5.59	11.56
Baltimore	6.25	9.00	12 05	3.00	5.30	
Wilmington	8 13	11.04	2.51	4.27	6.55	
Farnhurst	f 8.33		f 3 00		f 7.04	
New Castle	8 37	f 11.21	3.05	4.39	7.09	
State Road	f 8.33		f 3.10		f 7.14	
Bear	f 8.38		f 3.15	f 4.49	7.19	
Porter	8.45		f 3.20	4.52	7.25	
Kirkwood	8.50		f 3.25		7.30	
Mt. Pleasant	8.59		f 3.34		f 7.38	
Armstrong	f 9.03				f 7.42	
Middletown	9 08	11.50	3.43	5.18	7.48	12.39
Townsend	9 18		3.52	5 28	7.56	
Blackbird	f 9.22		f 3 58		f 8.01	
Gr'n spring	f 9.27		f 4 07		f8.07	
Clayton	9 33	12 07	4.13	5.42	8.13	12.57
Smyrna, LV	9 23	11.57	4.02	5 20	8.08	
Brenford	f9.38		f 4.18		f8.18	
Cheswold	f9.43		f 4.23		f 8.24	
Dupont			f 4.26			
Dover	9.58	12.23	4.32	5.59	8.34	1.16
Wyoming	10.05	f12.29	4.39	6.05	8.40a	1.24
Woodside	f10 11			f 6.11	f 8 47	
Viola	f10.15			f 6.15	f 8.51	
Felton	10 20	12.40		f 6.20	8.56	a 1.38
Harrington	10 34	12.53		f 6.33	9.07	1.50
Farmington	f10 42	a 1.00		f 6.41	f 9.15	
Greenwood	f10.50	f 1 08		f 6.49	f 9.23	
Bridgeville	10.56	f 1.16		6.54	9.31	a 2.14
Cannons	f11 03			f 7.01	f 9.36	
Seaford	11 13	1.27		7.10	9 45	2.28
Laurel	11.23	f 1.57		7.19	9.55	a 2.30
Delmar	11.33	1.46		7.29	10.05	2.56
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NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M
Delmar	11.08		7.00	8.00	2.15	5.39
Laurel	f 1.21		7.11	8.10	2.25	5.41
Seaford	1.34		7.23	8.24	2.35	5.56
Cannons			f 7.31	f 8.31		6.04
Bridgeville	f 1.48		7.37	8.37	f 2.46	f 6.11
Greenwood			f7.45	f 8.45	f 2.54	f 6.19
Farmington			f 7.53	f 8.53		f 6.27
Harrington	2.22		8.05	9 06	3.08	f 6.40
Felton	f 2.33		8.14	9.16	f 3.18	f 6.49
Viola			f8.18	f 9.20		f 6.53
Woodside			f8.22	f 9.24		f 6.57
Wyoming	p 2:46	8 57	8.29	9.31	f 3 30	5.05
Dover	2.52	7.03	8.35	9.38	3.36	5.11
Dupont		f7.08				
Cheswold		f7.13		f 9.48		f 5:0
Brenford		f7.18		f 9.53		f 5:25
Smyrna, LV		7.14	8.42	9.49	3.44	5:30
Clayton	3.09	7.24	8.53	9.59	3.54	5:0.
Jr'n spring		f7.2-				f 5:37
Blackbird		f7.34		f10.08		f 5:43
Townsend		7 39	9 06	10 13	4.07	5:49
Middletown	3.30	7.50	9.15	10.23	4.16	5:57
Armstrong		f7.54				f 6:01
Mt Pleasant		7.58		f10 32		6:05
Kirkwood		8.08		10.40		6:15
Porter		8.15	9 34	10.46	4.34	6:20
Bear		f8.20		f10.51		6:25
State Road		f8.25		f10 56		6:30
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